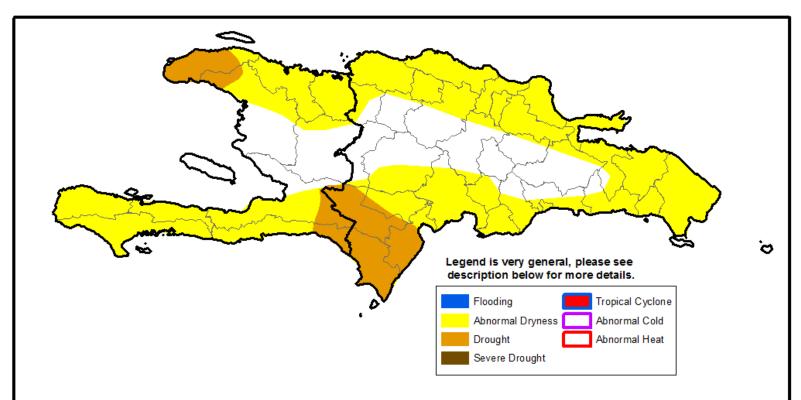


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook July 16 – 22, 2015

• A slight increase in rainfall was observed over Hispaniola during the past week.



During the past week, an increase in rainfall was observed over Hispaniola relative to that during the week prior. While moderate to heavy rain was recorded across the central portions of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, light rain was registered elsewhere. Over the past thirty days, rainfall deficits were recorded along the coasts, with the largest negative anomalies exceeding 100 mm over parts of the L'Artibonite department of Haiti and northwestern Dominican Republic. Conversely, rainfall surpluses were observed over parts of the Ouest department of Haiti and across central Dominican Republic. Recent vegetation indices have indicated the persistence of below-average values, indicating poor and deteriorated conditions over northwestern, southwestern and southeastern Haiti, and southern Dominican Republic despite improvement in conditions over some areas. Consistent and adequate distribution of rainfall is needed to fully erode seasonal rainfall deficits over Hispaniola. During the next week, moderate to heavy showers are expected over localized areas of central Haiti and neighboring west-central Dominican Republic, while little to light rain is forecast elsewhere. However, the forecast rainfall totals over the Island could still fall below-average.